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"The Indian Act is the most paternalistic piece of legislation that there is in our country. And I say to a lot of my white friends, you ought to get down on your knees every night and thank God that there is no such thing as a Department of White Affairs."
Witness John Letandre of Winnipeg speaking at Manitoba's Aboriginal Justice Inquiry.

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## AGENDA

**The Agenda is a FREE service to publicize Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office, room H-649 in the Hall Building, or mail it in indi-cating AGENDA on the en-velope. Deadlines are 5 pm Friday for Tuesday issues, and 5pm Wednesday for Friday's issues.**

### Tuesday, Nov. 26

**CA Students' Committee** meeting - Last one of the semester!! To be discussed: final planning for summer recruitment; initial planning of TAX CLINIC and Environmental Accounting/Career days project. Open to all Accounting majors and minors. In FM 300-40. Info: 848-2855.

### Wednesday, Nov. 27

**World AIDS Day** and Safer Sex days, today at Loyola Campus Centre, Information, prizes, videos, ACT-UP and ACCM representatives to answer your questions, and novelty condoms for EPOCH Condoms. Came take part in a demonstration of Concordia's interactive AIDS education computer program. Info: Diane or Janet at 848-3575.

**Concordia Accounting Society** End of Semester General Assembly/get together. 5-9pm, in GM-600-04. Meet your executive, active students, professors and administrative staff. Open to all accounting majors and minors.

### Thursday, Nov. 28

**World AIDS Day** and Safer Sex days, today at the Hall building mezzanine. Information, prizes, videos, ACT-UP and ACCM and novelty condoms for EPOCH Condoms. Come take part in a demonstration of Concordia's interactive AIDS education computer program. Info: Diane or Janet at 848-3575.

**Concordia Students Against Apartheid** general meeting. All welcome. 7pm, in H-645. Info: 486-8431.

**Sue Prosser,** folk-rock performer, in conjunction with World AIDS day at Concordia University. At Reggie's Pub, 7th floor Hall building, 9pm. $3-$5 sliding scale. Info: 848-7431.

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### Friday, Nov. 29

**Lecture:** Prof. Nelson Wiseman, dept. of Political Science, University of Toronto on "The Folly of Constitutional Reform." Presented by the School of Community and Public Affairs. 2-4pm, 2149 Mackay, basement lounge. Info: 848-2575.

### GENERAL

**The Age of Aquarius** - what it really means! Lecture given by Saint Germain Study Group at McGill University's Student Union Building, 3480 McTavish St., Room B09, 7:30pm. Admission $3; Students FREE. Information: 489-0219.

**CUPA meetings,** tuesdays at 3pm. Attention all Psych students! You are all welcome to come to our meetings. Drop by and get involved! P-205, 2020 Mackay. Info: 848-7487.

**Nikuda,** Jewish Students Magazine seeks contributors in all areas: writers, graphic designers, poets, etc. Submission deadline Dec. 1, 1991. Hillel House, 3460 Stanley. 483-4727 & 989-7023.

**Concordia Women's Collective**-weekly meetings every Thursday, at 7pm, P-Annex, 2020 Mackay, in the basement. All women welcome. Info: 848-7411.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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# Video documents sexism in the classroom

**by Maryse Cardin**

A new video aimed at sensitizing people to racism and sexism in the classroom at Concordia and teaching possible solutions has been produced by the Concordia's Office on the Status of Women.

*Inequity in the Classroom* deals with subtle yet frequent sexist and racist attitudes and remarks female students often encounter from professors at the university.

"People often have trouble believing it," said Claudie Solar, Status of Women Office co-ordinator. "It was necessary to make a video that would include all kinds of examples of inequities so people would realize how big of a problem it is."

The video, based on research and statistics, shows problems women face in classrooms through the use of dramatized skits. These parodies show professors not taking female students seriously or ignoring them.

"Some professors don't even look straight at women in the classrooms. They're incapable of dissociating women from sex, so they ignore women in non-sexual situations," said Solar, whose office spent three years getting funding for the video.

Professional opinion on unequal opportunities in the university are used throughout the video to give credibility to the dramatized skits.

Students in the video talk about how professors often let men dominate classroom discussions. Women are not given a chance to express their ideas and opinions.

"I feel that the professors are telling me not to try very hard to achieve academic success," one student said.

"I feel that visible minority women like myself are not only sexually discriminated against, but also racially discriminated," said another.

Sheila McIntyre, a lawyer from Queen's University who appears in the video, said such attitudes in the teaching environment often lead women to believe they will never achieve the same professional recognition as men.

"They (women) come to learn that even when they excel at the same things, in the same way as male or white students, they're still denied basic courtesies," McIntyre said.

The video was produced at about a cost of $60,000, most of which was donated from various organizations and universities. It comes with a manual and attempts to teach professors to detect and put an end to racism and sexism in their classrooms.

Douglas Buch, writer of anti-sexist guidelines for York University's theatre department, said the video is effective in the fight against discrimination.

"It shows evidence of real problems and not only abstract notions. And, most importantly, it offers real solutions."

Dr. Myra Sadker and Dr. David Sadker from the American University in Washington D.C., who have conducted research in gender equity for over 15 years and appear in the video, said sexist and racist attitudes are still prevalent in all departments across North America.

"We found that these patterns of very subtle and unintentional inequity occur across disciplines," said Myra Sadker.

Solar said a presentation of the video will be made in all Concordia's departments that are receptive to it.

## Dec. 6 - jamais plus

The Link will be publishing a commemorative violence against women supplement in our Dec. 3 issue.

If you would like to contribute call us at 848-7405 or drop by room H-649, ask for Eugenia, Satwant or Josey.
Deadline for copy is Sunday at six p.m.

# Single moms support themselves

**by Marisa Celli**

Many single mothers must cope with the emotional burden of being isolated from the rest of society. Their day-to-day activities consist of spending time with their children, doing their school and house work — leaving them little time for a social life.

Both Helen and Dina (last names withheld on request) are trying to make it easier for these women by organizing Concordia's first single mother's support group. Both are single mothers and full-time students.

"What we are trying to do is exchange such services as collective meal planning and shared babysitting," said Helen, who has eight-year-old twin boys.

Collective meal planning involves the preparation of a week's worth of meals by all the mothers. The purpose behind this joint venture is to allow the mothers to spend more quality time with their children.

Dina says the hardest thing to cope with is stress and time management—as well as priorities that get shifted around.

"When the kids experience difficulties at school, I have to spend more time with them and my work gets pushed aside."

Helen and Dina also want to make single mothers aware of the financial aid services at their disposal.

"There are some mothers who are not aware of services from loans and bursaries or other babysitting services that the government offers," said Dina.

The group, which first met on Oct. 7, is still in its organizational stages and membership is a fluctuating 15 mothers.

Dina believes the group will have a positive effect on its members.

"It can be a real enriching and rewarding experience," said Dina. "If there is a commitment from the members, there is a lot of information and resources we can exchange. As single mothers we have a common ally: children and student life.".

Ilona is a part-time student at Concordia. As a single mother to a 15-year-old son, she appreciates the single mother's group.

"It is very nice to be able to express yourself and also hear other people miss their children like I do," she said.

Ilona said one of the hardest things for for a single mother is living without a strong family unit.

Sylvia, a single mom with two daughters aged 10 and 13 and a 15-year-old son, has also benefited from the group.

"You discover you are not alone. The services the group is prepared to offer will help a lot of single mothers have more time to finish their work," said Sylvia.

Both Sylvia and Illona encourage other single mothers to join the support group.

"The group offers a lot of support and encouragement," said Sylvia. "The only encouragement you are going to get is from each other and no one else."

Sylvia explained, "A lot of things are difficult when you are a single mother. I start at 7 a.m. and often don't stop until 11 or 12 at night because I have to spend time with my children, do laundry, cook and go to school. This means long days and little time for a social life."

The group is planning a special outing for its members and their children on Dec. 15. Any single mother who is not a member but nterested in taking part in the outing is welcome.

Meetings for the groups are held every Friday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Women's Centre, P-Annex, 2020 Mackay. Daycare is provided. For information: 848-7431.

# thru the wire

## Graduate student fees increased

Arts and Science Graduate students will have to pay an extra $10 per year to the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) next fall, up from $27 to $37.

The increase was passed unanimously by the Graduate Student Council, the nine-member body of the GSA representing Concordia's 3,400 graduate students. The Board of Governors gave the fee increase final approval last Wednesday. According to GSA President Didier Pomerleau, the Council is not required to consult the Association because it operates as a representative democracy.

Pomerleau said they have not had an increase in almost five years and it was necessary because the Association has been operating on a "no frills budget" and a net deficit of $30,000.

He said the extra fees will be used to fund things like the student papers, graduate journals and clubs with graduate student members.

## Grad School approved

As of June 1, 1992, Concordia will have its own School of Graduate Studies.

Given the final stamp of approval by the Board of Governors last week, the school will operate and administer the graduate programs in each department.

Right now, the Division of Graduate Studies administers graduate studies programs.

History Department Chair Graeme Decarie said while the School is simply a "structural change that will bring us in line with other universities," he worries it will take decision-making power away from faculties and continue a trend in universities which emphasizes research over teaching.

Currently, changes to graduate programs and courses must be approved by the Faculty Council in each department. With the new school, some proposals may go directly from the graduate program director to the Graduate Council.

"All departments and opinions are represented on Faculty Council," said Decarie. "Many favor teaching over research and we don't know who will be represented on Graduate Council. Will it have an emphasis on research?"

But Graduate Student Association President Didier Pomerleau says primary decisions are already made by the Division of Graduate Studies and the School would "merely be formalizing it more."

Pomerleau also said the emphasis on research in graduate studies is a stereotype.

"Not all graduate studies focus on research," said Pomerleau.

"Most PHD's are thesis- and research-oriented, but several MBA and graduate diploma programs are predominantly course work."

Dearie said the School will mean "another Dean at the trough.

"With a faculty behind him the (Dean of Graduate Studies) will now have more bargaining power for money."

A task force will be set up in January to work out details of the School before it opens in June.

## AGENDA

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**World AIDS Day**. Volunteers needed to hand out condoms and information Nov. 27 (LOY) and Nov. 28 (SGW)- honorarium, coffee & donuts provided. Please call Diane or Janet at 848-3565. Health Services/ HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee.


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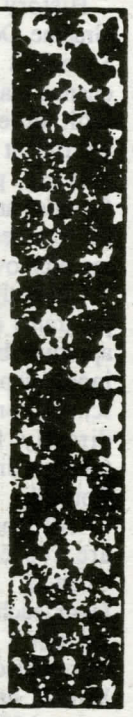

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**The Multiple Sclerosis** Society of Canada is now looking for volunteers in order to help out with clerical work in general. Please contact Diane Adam at (514) 849-7591.

**Toy drive** for the intellectually disabled children of the Peter Hall School. Would like to gather as many as 300 new toys for the children. They would appreciate your bringing the toys to the Spiritual Science Fellowship, 1974 de Maisonneuve O, no later than Dec. 1. Info: 937-8359.

**The NDG Food Depot** has placed two blue barrels on the Loyola campus for the purpose of collecting non-perishable food donations from the student population at the entrance to the Vanier library, and the entrance to the Central building. Bring food!

**Student Services** - counselling and Development will be offering a Counselling Support Group. Loss can have a devastating effect on our lives and through a support group, we can learn how to cope with our loss. To see if this group could be of help, an interview can be arranged at the Counselling and Development office, in room H-440, or by calling 848-3545. The group will start on Thursday January 16th, 1992 and run through the semester. The fee is $20.

**Indigenous Peoples International** meets regularly on Fridays at 2020 Mackay, room 204 at 7pm. All welcome. Info: 848-7410/7443.

**Bi-the-way:** Bisexual Women's discussion group meets every Friday at 8pm at McGill Women's Union. 3480 McTavish rm 423. Info: 598-8661.

**Spirit of Christmas Drive,** Nov11-Dec. 11.: Volunteers needed. Money raised supplies emergency food vouchers for students. Get involved! People needed to put up posters & raise funds. Call Matti at 848-3590.

**The CA Students' Committee** of the Concordia Accounting Society is now accepting applications for the Mentor Program. This applies to all first or second year accounting majors and minors. Deadline is Nov. 12. Applications are available at GM 211-12. Info: Philippe or Nevine at 848-2855.

**Single Mom's support group.** Every Friday, 1:30-3pm. A place to relax, breathe... An opportunity to share concerns and experiences. At the Women's Centre, P-Annex, 2020 Mackay, downstairs. Info: 848-7431.

**Survivors of rape and sexual assault,** a mutual-aid, support group for women. If you are interested in sharing your experiences around these issues, this group may be for you! For more information, or to register, call Diana Pizzuti at the YWCA, 866-9941. Group begins in November.

**LGFC** (Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia) has a discussion group meeting every Friday at around 5:30pm., at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute lounge, 2170 Bishop. Info: 848-7414.

**Attention students** with babies or young children living downtown! The Parenthèse programme in the CLSC Guy Metro offers mothers support, health information, and a fun place for children to play. Every Tues. or Thurs. afternoon. No charge! Info: Cyndy Salberg, 934-0354.

**The Legal Information Service** is available for information and counselling. If you have a problem with your landlord, or with a contract that you signed, or you are looking for information on divorce, they can help. Info: CC-326 (LOY) 848-4960. This service is free and confidential.

**Volunteers needed.** The Reddy Memorial hospital centre requires volunteers in the following areas: Friendly visiting, mealtime assistants, travel cart, coffee shop, admitting office, escorts for patients to other hospital for treatment. Info: 939-6644 or visit 4039 Tupper street, volunteer department.

**Help for X-Mas** blahs. Is the Christmas season a particularly painful time for you? A group of us will be supporting each other through this season and easing the difficulties of this period. Come join us at the Counselling and Development Centre, 2490 West Broadway. Info: 848-3555.

**Landed Immigrant Papers:** International students who have received their official landed immigrant notice from the Canadian Government may request a tuition exemption for the 1991 Fall semester if they submit this document by Friday, December 20 to Ms. H. Albert, Registrar's office, 1440 Ste-Catherine O.

## CLASS ADS

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**Looking for** one-way ticket to Vancouver (for a female), leaving Dec. 8th or later. 499-1109.

**Looking for** a drive to New Brunswick after Dec. 17. Will share driving and expenses. Please call Darren at 482-8319 or leave message.

**Return to Vancouver**, Dec. 16-29. $400. 282-9623.

## GENERAL

**Happy Hour** for Students! 5-9pm, Club Varadero, 1421 Bishop.

## PERSONALS

**I was surprised** at Loyola in the car, but I couldn't just leave, or I would have gone after you or called out, please believe me.

## Thank God for Fridays

Don't forget! *The Link* staff meeting is Friday at 4 pm, in the Hall building. Room 649. It's a great place to get to know the basics, find out how you can get involved, and get your feet wet.

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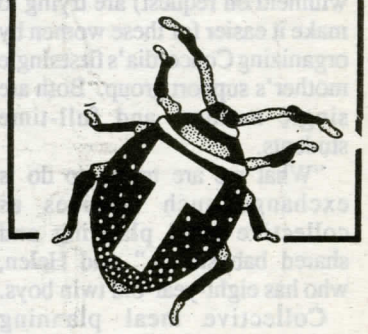
For more information, call Eugenia, Denise or Kate at 848-7407.

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# De Klerk reforms image only

**by Cédric Morgan**

Now that Mandela is free and international community leaders are easing up the pressure on sanctions on Pretoria's apartheid system, F.W. de Klerk has won his first battle to stay in power, said Victor Moche, Canada's chief representative for African National Congress.

Moche, who spoke at Concordia last Thursday, said de Klerk is winning support through a perception of change. Moche said the next phase of de Klerk's agenda is to weaken the ANC. "It is when we are weak, that they will offer negotiation," said Moche.

"It's very important to keep the pressure on de Klerk, because South Africa is at a point where progress could really happen" said Kim Elliott, organizer of the lecture for Concordia's Students Against Apartheid Committee, "but until now, the goverment has diffused the issues to a rhetoric level and virtually nothing has changed for the black majority — living conditions have not gotten better.

Moshe said there is a huge difference between the perception the public gets through the western media and South Africa's reality. "Divide to rule being the present goverment's strategy, de Klerk has imposed violence to weaken the democratic forces" said Moche.

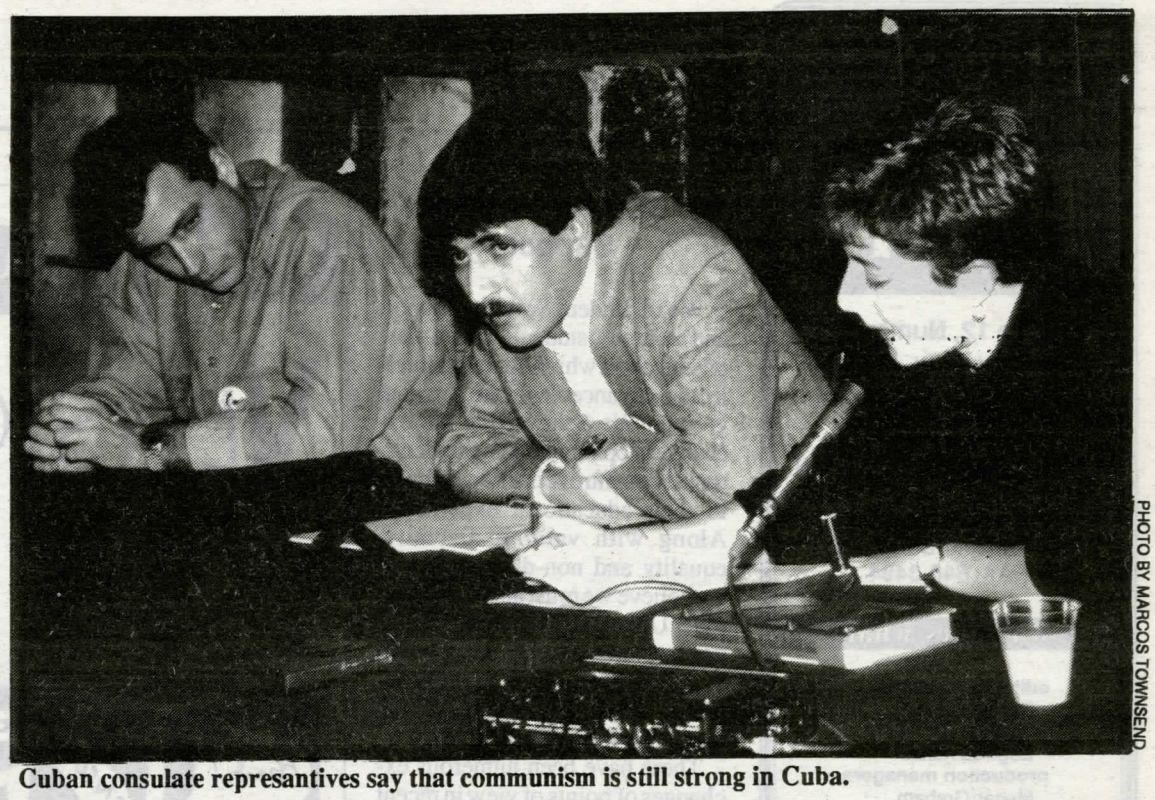
De Klerk's goverment was caught in a political scandal for funding and secretly supporting Buthelezi's Inkatha Party, responsible for the violence and killings in the townships. Despite media reports of fighting between the ANC and Inkatha, Moshe denies there is a conflict with Inkhata.

The police, who are supposed to protect citizens actually encourage the violence and "escort people while they're rampaging, instead of arresting them, and so with no security, people focus on day to day survival and not on social issues," explains Elliott.

"The ANC's hope, in the long term, is a solution through negociations," said Moshe, "that it why the ANC encourages the international community to keep the pressure on De Klerk's government, "it took Namibia 12 years to negotiate its freedom".

This summer Concordia sociology professor Chengiah Ragaven returned to his home in South Africa for the first time after 23 years in exile. He says the oppression in South Africa has become more subtle and much more is needed to change things. Ragaven encourages students to find their role in fighting for change. "For real change place students must try to have a very clear perceptions, perhaps through African eyes, to understand the oppression, thereby understand the kind of change they want," said Ragaven.

Concordia Students Against Apartheid's first general meeting this year will be held Thursday at 7 p.m., 2020 Mackay, rm. 204.



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**Cuban consulate represantives say that communism is still strong in Cuba.**

# Cuba: What the media doesn't say

**by Simon Harrold**

Negative press on Cuba by western mainstream media has to be countered by alternative news outlets, two Cuban officials said during an informal exchange held at Concordia last Friday.

Cuban consulate representatives Orlando Brito and Carlo Bafra said "alternative modes of expression" are needed to create a balanced picture of what life in Cuba really is like because biased reporting gives it a negative image.

Bafra cited Cuba's support of the government in Angola as a positive aspect of the communist government ignored by the western media.

"No articles can be found on medical aid to Angola and Nicaragua, nor on the effect of the economic blockade by the United States on Cuba. The information is not available because it is not in the interest of those who control the press. We want reporters to go to Cuba to visit schools, hospitals and beaches and to talk to the people."

Brito said negative press has led many people in the west to conclude that communism in Cuba will likely break down the way it has in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

But he countered that "the Cuban revolution is unique with different conditions and factors." He said despite tough economic times, the people of Cuba continue to support the Castro government.

Much of this support comes from the government's commitment to various social programs. Brito said that "between 1986 and 1989, public projects — such as the idea of a family doctor — emerged and led to the establishment of medical centers."

He said Cuba now boasts a health care program that has one doctor for every 120 people; and medical equipment that the international community considers to be top-of-the-line.

As well as a health-care program which rivals that of the west, he said Cuba has a high literacy rate and a well-informed population.

Cuba draws much of its revenue from the tourism and the sale of citrus fruits and sugar-cane. In recent years, it has been developing its tourism sector by encouraging joint ventures with foreign investors, and is currently pressuring industrial nations to end the unequal exchange of goods between developed and developing countries.

Brito said the United States has not lifted its trade embargo with Cuba, and fails to report on positive aspects of Cuba's political system because "North America is dedicated to destroying the Cuban Revolution. It knows it could be seen as hope for Latin America."

When asked how he could declare Cuba a democratic country, Bafra replied, "True, there is only one party in Cuba. But to parallel this party power, there is also a popular/constitutional power."

The parallel power he refers to is the 1976 New Constitution, which has a clause advocating single-party elctions. Because 97 per cent of the people voted in favor of it, Bafra said this means "thepeople of Cuba support the revolution."

# Moscow-Montreal journal is first of its kind

**by Philip Lewis**

*Socialist Alternatives*, a new journal published simultaneously in Moscow and Montreal, launched its first issue at McGill's Centre for Developing Area Studies last Tuesday.

The journal contains articles by Soviet and Canadian writers on issues such as the breakdown of the existing Soviet economic system and the fate of social programs in the west. The articles are translated from Russian to English and vice-versa.

"We want the journal to encourage international dialogue among socialist scholars and activists on economic and political issues of concern to both east and west," said David Mandel, a member of the English-language editorial board.

Concordia professor Margie Mendell and doctorate student Andrea Levy are also on the Canadian editorial board.

Levy said the journal is geared towards academics and scholars, "but also to activists and militants in workers' and trade unions here and in Moscow." She said it will be coming out twice a year, and that this issue is so substantial, "it's a little book, really."

The idea for the Soviet-Canadian journal came from a 1989 conference on political economy at l'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), where Soviet and Canadian participants recognized a lack of left-wing analysis of international economic questions.

"We weren't receiving any critical analyses of the Soviet situation .... and they (Soviets) weren't getting any critical views of the situation in the capitalist world," said Mandel, who teaches Soviet politics at UQAM.

Mandel explained the leftist orientation of the journal.

"We are not anti-market, but we believe the market should be subordinate to democratic control...rather than here where the market not only rules, but determines what kind of political decisions are made," he said.

"Political democracy is limited when basic decisions are in the hands of a small group of entrepreneurs and owners."

Communication is often difficult between the Soviet and Canadian editorial boards, with mail often taking more than a month to arrive. However, the Soviet board now has access to a fax machine and Mandel himself travels regularly to the Soviet Union to do research.

The first issue was financed through 250 subscriptions from Canada and the USA, and some donations. An application has gone to the Federal Social Science and Humanities Research Council for future financial support.

Information on subscriptions to *Socialist Alternatives* can be obtained from McGill's Centre for Developing Area Studies or by calling 987-4749.

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There have been numerous exchanges of points of view in recent months concerning the CUSA Handbook, more specifically the "Just Do It" article appearing on page 165. Although this article has been disclaimed and supported by many, it has provided an opportunity to engage members of the University community on an issue which seems to have left few without inappropriate, the need for "correct" vocabulary used to express any opinion may be judged inappropriate, the need for "correct" vocabulary, however, should never prevent someone from expressing their point of view.

We are encouraged to see that proponents and opponents of the article have expressed themselves publicly, as we believe they have compelled many to reflect on the multiple dimensions of this issue and consequently contributed to the students' educational experience. Our collective role is to encourage and nurture this spirit of critical inquiry, and we welcome this participation in community life.

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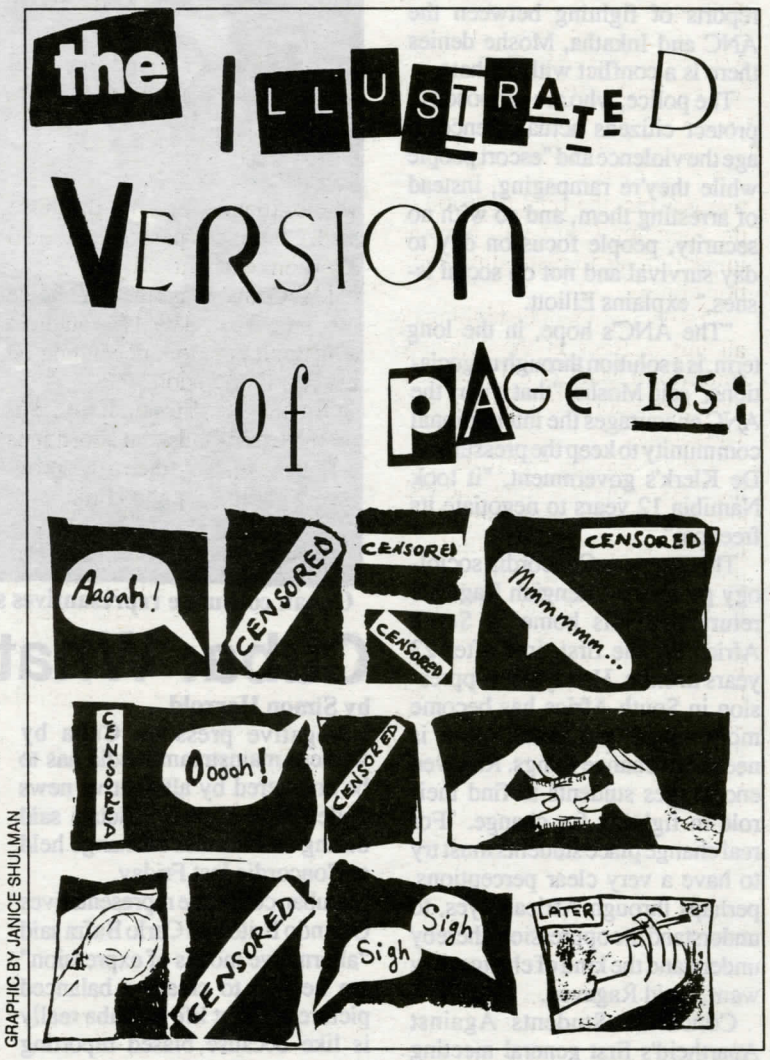


GRAPHIC BY JANICE SHULMAN

## Mennonite Heritage

As persons of Mennonite heritage and descent, we wish to protest in the strongest possible terms the insulting, culturally insensitive and profoundly racist article published in November 12th's issue of *the Link* ("Getting it out of your system" by Dawn Buie).

To begin with, there is no such thing as a shared "Quaker and Mennonite tradition." The Mennonite faith grew out of middle European Anabaptist traditions in the 16th century. Quakers, a.k.a. The Society of Friends, a.k.a. the Children of Light, are a johnny-come-lately 17th century left wing splinter of English Puritanism. Claims that Quakerism has roots in continental Anabaptism have been discredited by reputable historians. To indiscriminately lump Quakers and Mennonites together on the basis of superficial similarity of beliefs is ignorant and condescending.

Granted, there is a tradition of categorizing both the Quaker and Mennonite faiths as "peace churches," due to their respective doctrines of pacifism. In the case of the Mennonites, however, this description tells only half of the story, overlooking as it does the millennial fanaticism and ultra-violence that distinguished the early days of the Anabaptist movement. Mennonites, as the direct descendants of the Melchiorite Anabaptists, are heirs to a legacy of revolutionary violence that would warm the hearts of the Khmer Rouge. In 1534, for example, Melchiorite Anabaptists seized the Westphalian city of Munster, murdering, ejecting or forcibly converting the non-Anabaptist inhabitants, instituting enforced community of goods and polygamy and declaring God's government on Earth. By the end of the year long occupation of Munster, dissidents were being nailed alive to the city walls, starving townspeople were being conscripted to perform in elaborate theatrical productions for the entertainment of the revolution's leaders, and the glory of God's victory was joyously proclaimed in the midst of terror, summary execution and, according to some accounts, cannabalism. Reducing the Mennonite-Anabaptist tradition to a wimpy "non-adversarial approach to conflict-solving" is to deny persons o Mennonite descent their proud heritage as *Schwarmer* (fanatics) and revolutionary chiliasts. We demand an apology from *the Link*.

P.S. further distinction: Unlike the Quakers, no self-respecting Mennonite would allow his or her face to be seen on television next to Wilford Brimley's.

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# Morgentaler is back in court

by Dawn Mitchell

HALIFAX (CUP)—In an attempt to regain control of its health care system, the Nova Scotia government is taking Henry Morgentaler to court — again.

Since Morgentaler opened the doors of his Halifax abortion clinic in May 1989, the government has argued the clinic violates the provincial Medical Services Act which lists nine medical procedures that cannot be performed outside a hospital setting, including abortion.

But two provincial court judges have ruled the act unconstitutional on the grounds that the regulation of abortion is an area of federal concern.

The Public Prosecutions Service has asked the Supreme Court of Canada to decide whether the federal government or the province has the authority to pass laws on the matter, said Peter Spurway, spokesperson for the provincial Attorney General's office.

The separation of powers between the two levels of government is set out in sections 91 and 92 of the British North America Act, 1867. Criminal law falls under federal jurisdiction while health care is a provincial matter.

However, because this case will define the governments' legislative powers, the final decision of the Supreme Court will have an impact on all free-standing abortion clinics.

The decision will be binding on all jurisdictions in the country, said Moira MacConnell, an associate professor of law at Dalhousie University.

If the Supreme Court upholds the lower courts' ruling, the federal government will control the legislation of abortion clinics. If the decision is overturned, each province may ban clinics outright.

Although hospitals in the province perform abortions, the head nurse at the Halifax Morgentaler clinic said women are guaranteed an understanding and caring approach at the clinic.

"We provide a supportive environment to the women who come here," she said.

Women under 19 do not need parental consent for the procedure, and a doctor's referral is not required by the clinic.

"This is a vital service for the whole Atlantic region," the nurse said. Clinic staff perform about 50 abortions each month.

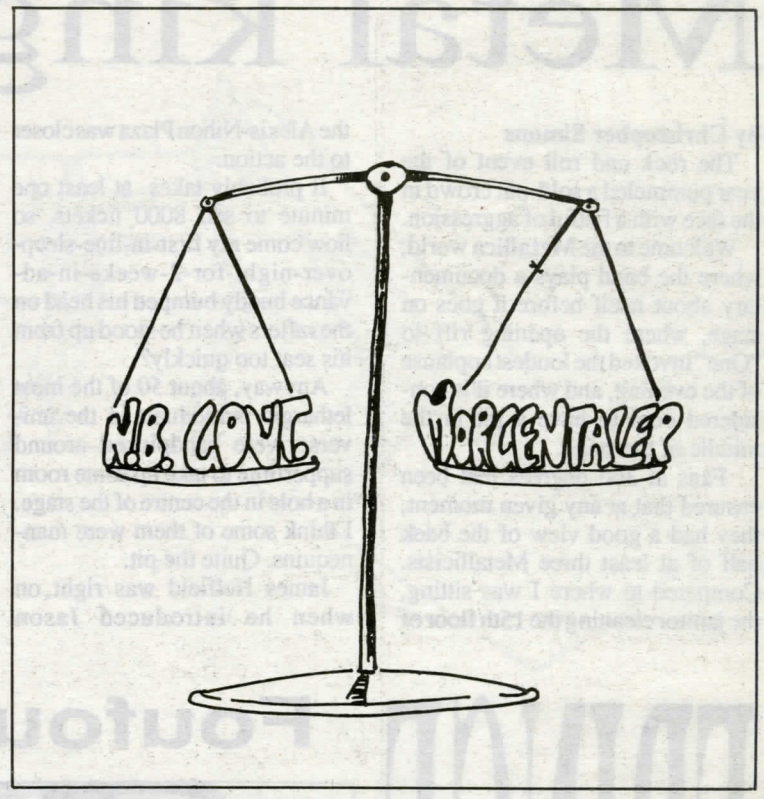
MacConnell says the pro-choice movement could well be caught in a difficult position, depending on the court's decision.

"In the short-term, if the Supreme Court finds that abortion is a federal matter, then (the provinces) get to keep the clinic," she said.

"But, to use that argument you have to assume it (abortion) is an inherently criminal area to be regulated under criminal law if it is to be regulated at all."

There is no federal law criminalizing abortion in Canada.

In 1988, the Supreme Court struck down Section 215 of the Canadian Criminal Code — which regulated abortion — on the grounds that it violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.




The Nova Scotia courts declined to rule on whether the Medical Services Act also violated the Charter. This matter may also be determined by the Supreme Court.

The federal government attempted to replace the old law in 1989, but it satisfied neither pro-choice advocates nor anti- abortionists, and was eventually defeated in the Senate.

The Supreme Court's decision to hear the Public Prosecution Services appeal of the lower courts' rulings was announced on Nov. 14, but the case is not expected to be heard until April or May, 1992.

*"There is a need to overhaul the system"*

# MP pushes for national standards in education

OTTAWA (CUP)—A Liberal MP is pushing a bill that could lead to the development of "national standards" for all levels of education.

"Stuart Smith says the system is fine," said Mac Harb. "I say it's not fine. If it's fine, why do 50 per cent of university students not finish their degrees?"

Smith released a report — commissioned by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada — in early October which said universities were fundamentally healthy.

Harb introduced Bill C-318 in the House of Commons Oct. 23. If it passes, the bill will investigate setting a national standard for all levels of education.

Canada suffers from high illiteracy and drop-out rates in both secondary and post-secondary institutions, Harb said.

In Canada, 38 per cent of adults have difficulty reading and writing and one out of three students drop out of high school before completing grade 12.

Harb said these conditions create a labour force unable to meet increasingly sophisticated employment requirements, and hurt Canada's international competitiveness.

"There is a need to overhaul the system," said Harb. "The federal government must formulate standards governing such issues as curricula content, training and retention of teachers, and methods of assessing students across Canada."

He said the bill has "to send out a signal, there has to be a minimum standard that has to be achieved."

The Canadian Federation of Students has been lobbying for their own version of national standards for the past 10 years. But CFS deputy chair Allison Lewis said she's not sure what to make of Harb's bill.

"The CFS is happy that Mac Harb and the Liberal party are finally showing some interest in education," said Lewis. "The problem is when he talks about national standards, it's different from what we call national standards."

Lewis said CFS is referring to the formalization of the federal government's role in post-secondary education, and the accountability of federal transfer payments. She said when Harb talks about national standards, he's talking about testing students, a recommendation included in Smith's report.

However, Lewis said many factors that contribute to the value of a student can't be tested. Testing "objectifies" students and leads to the view of the student as a product, she added.

Harb said he is willing to change parts of C-318. He said the bill will require consultation with provincial governments, student groups and industries.

The bill, which has passed first reading, is being circulated among members of a Canada-wide ad hoc committee investigating national education standards.

The committee, struck by Harb, includes representatives from industry, education, and youth services.

Harb said the bill will serve as a basis for a national policy which the Liberal party will debate in February.

# McGill dumps proposal for African history course

MONTREAL (CUP)—McGill University's history department refuses to approve a proposal by the Black Students' Network for a black history course.

The BSN wants a mandatory black history course for history students taught by a professor of African descent.

But the committee said there isn't enough money to hire new professors next year, and that the department does not hire on the basis of race, BSN member Miriam Kaba said.

"We expected this excuse to be used by the university's administration," said Kaba. "However, budget constraints can't excuse the pressing need for hiring more professors of colour."

The black history course was designed to be the forerunner of an African Studies program — a minor program which would encompass disciplines such as political science, music, sociology, literature, mathematics and science. The program would be the first black studies program in Quebec.

The proposal was not thoroughly discussed by the committee because members were discussing changes to the existing curriculum, said committee member Robert Vogel.

The student representative on the committee told BSN members the proposal could not be formally considered until the course's format was changed, Kaba said. But history professors did not suggest changes after studying the proposal at an earlier department meeting, she added.

The student rep suggested the BSN take the proposal to a history professor to have it taught as a course for next year. However, the BSN has not decided if this is acceptable, since there are no professors of African descent in the department.

Universities such as Dalhousie and the University of Toronto offer black studies programs.

"It is ridiculous that McGill graduates know very little about the contributions of Africans, whether it be the Moors' dominance in Europe for eight hundred years up until the advent of slavery, or the ancient black civilization of Egypt," said BSN member Dave Austin. "Most don't even know that the history of humankind began in Africa."

BSN members will keep pressing the history department to introduce a program, Austin said.

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# Metal kings rust in peace

**by Christopher Simons**

The rock and roll event of the year pummeled a sold-out crowd in the face with a fistful of aggression.

Welcome to the **Metallica** world, where the band plays a documentary about itself before it goes on stage, where the opening riff to "One" invoked the loudest applause of the evening, and where it is considered cool to have a pit in the middle of the stage.

Fans at 360 degrees had been ensured that at any given moment, they had a good view of the back half of at least three Metallicists. Compared to where I was sitting, the janitor cleaning the 15th floor of the Alexis-Nihon Plaza was closer to the action.

It probably takes at least one minute to sell 8000 tickets, so how come my first-in-line-sleep-over-night-for-2-weeks-in-advance buddy bumped his head on the rafters when he stood up from his seat too quickly?

Anyway, about 50 of the most lethargic individuals in the universe were handpicked around suppertime to take up some room in a hole in the centre of the stage. I think some of them were mannequins. Quite the pit.

James Hetfield was right on when he introduced Jason Newsted's bass solo as a beer break. Too bad the Forum wasn't selling any.

Newsted waddled through riffs not good enough for the album and it all got muddy as he craftily demonstrated how 10 effects pedals could subtly transform his sound into a stagnant pool of fuzz and gunk. It was sort of cool.

But he scored big time when he vocalized half of *Whiplash* and all of *Seek and Destroy* with the finely-tuned grunge of his *Voice-of-Aggression*. They could have lost the heavy, metal faces, though.

Drummer Lars Ulrich is fast and sweats like a maniac and a 20 minute solo wasn't needed to prove this. The coolest part of the performance involved Ulrich drum jamming with Hetfield until one of them seriously screwed up. But for five seconds it was like watching real people.

Kirk's solo showcased scales played at ten thousand zillion miles an hour, and a healthy jog around the stage while dragging his guitar by the strap. Pretty impressive, Kirk.

Come to think of it, he did not stop jogging the whole show, so once a minute I'd see him for three seconds or so.

Despite all this negativity, it was worth five hours' salary to see the band working hard to entertain us all. For example, when James jumped down into that empty space between the fans and the stage to meet the chosen few, he came almost within a mile of me and my friends.

Don't get me wrong. Much of the show looked enjoyable, and I certainly respect the band for the innovations they have brought to the metal genre.

I just wish I could have been among the elite 500 who managed to catch sticks and picks that Lars and Kirk tossed by the bucketful at the end of the concert.

# FRINGE ARTS

## Foufounes folks get atomic rise

PHOTO BY DANIEL H. GORNEY

**by Cameron Campbell**

Loony Tuesday madness continued at Foufounes Electriques last week with a CD launch/concert by local pop-punksters **Rise**, with another local band **Atomic Folk** filling out the bill.

The idea of a music review is to critique the music and attempt to pigeon hole the band, so that those who weren't at the show can tell if they want to go the next show. So here goes...

**Atomic Folk** are the band you play when you want to piss off your neighbors or your mom and dad, but don't want to listen to something that will piss you off as well. To clarify, they play music that is, just like the name suggests, both grinding and melodic. They pull off vocal harmonies over top of crunching, mid to super charged rock 'n roll, all the while leaping and bounding about the stage.

Actually this band wins the "most time spent not actually touching the stage" award. Both the bassist and guitarist spent so much time in the air that they could quite probably be classified as satellities, perhaps even planets, though awfully small ones.

Stand-out songs included the cumbersomely named *The Adventures Of Princess Sunshine*, a full bore grinder that blew away the small but appreciative audience, as well as *The Resurrection*, which started sounding like a ...gulp... power ballad, but turned out to be a slowed down version of the buzzsaw geetar rock that they'd played all night long.

Tearing on to the stage after a very brief set change came **Rise**, blasting through a set made up of older material from *Joy*, their 12 inch EP, and newer material torn from their self-titled full length effort.

The members of **Rise** were more controlled in their presence. Some of their earlier shows had too much energy. There was always the off chance that the stage would collapse or that one of the band members would topple off the stage. Often this would detract from the overall quality of the music.

All of this isn't to say that **Rise** has lost their stage presence; they still have more raw energy and movement going on than any other band. At times, you get the feeling that you are watching a circus. With a drummer, a vocalist, two guitarists and one bassist (Jimmy Spencer, Sylvain Fournier, Tom Russell, John Pastore and Klaus Frostel respectively) you could be excused for thinking this.

The release of their album, available in all three formats, spells new and bigger things for this band. They have just landed a distribution deal with a company in Poland that will handle distribution through out Eastern block countries, and they are being distributed in the rest of Europe by RPN and Rough Trade in Germany.

All of this interest from across the Atlantic means that **Rise** is looking forward to an eight week European tour, set for May, which will be their longest tour to date.

If you want to hear their recordings, both *Joy* and their self-titled album are available at better record stores throughout Montreal. If you want to hear them live, and have a car, they are playing with **the Doughboys** next week in Guelph.

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*Astérix, la Rose et le Glaive*

# Uderzo a perdu la potion magique

**par Cédric Morgan**

Oyé, oyé, fidèles lecteurs et lectrices des aventures d'Astérix, méfiez vous du grand tapage publicitaire autour du nouvel album *La Rose et le Glaive* et de son supposé féminisme. Ce n'est qu'un feu de paille par Toutatis!

Cette nouvelle bande dessinée de la série signée Uderzo -texte et dessins-, confirme que Goscinny ne sera jamais remplacé. *Alea jacta es*, c'est de l'imposture, à éviter, du moins à ne pas acheter.

Oui, les femmes sont au centre de l'intrigue et, certes, elles se révoltent et prennent la gouverne del'irréductiblevillage d'Armorique, mais attention! Il faut voir ce que les Gauloises font du pouvoir acquis...une nullité totale. La grande conclusion du livre, c'est que les aspirations des femmes sont le shopping et être à la dernière mode vestimentaire de Lutèce...c'est féministe? Laissez-moi le soin d'en douter sérieusement.

Tout commence lorsqu'encore une fois Assurance Tourix est expulsé du village, c'est qu'il ne chante pas très bien le pauvre. Maestria, une barde de Lutèce, le remplace et rapidement ralliera ses consoeurs pour leur expliquer "la condition féminine de la gauloise moderne" et les invitera à "dire non à la tyrannie masculine." De beaux grands principes qui se traduieront par l'élection manigancée de Bonemine la barde comme cheffe du village et l'exil précipité des hommes du village.

Et c'est justement là que tout prend un tournant ridicule, Maestria met sur pied des parades de modes pour présent les derniers ensembles de la collection Diorix et les femmes ne font que parler de guenillles.

Féministe? Attendez, Ce n'est pas fini car pendant ce temps-là, au camp romain d'Aquarium, on prépare une attaque du village avec une centurie de légionnaires féminines qui prennent la relève.

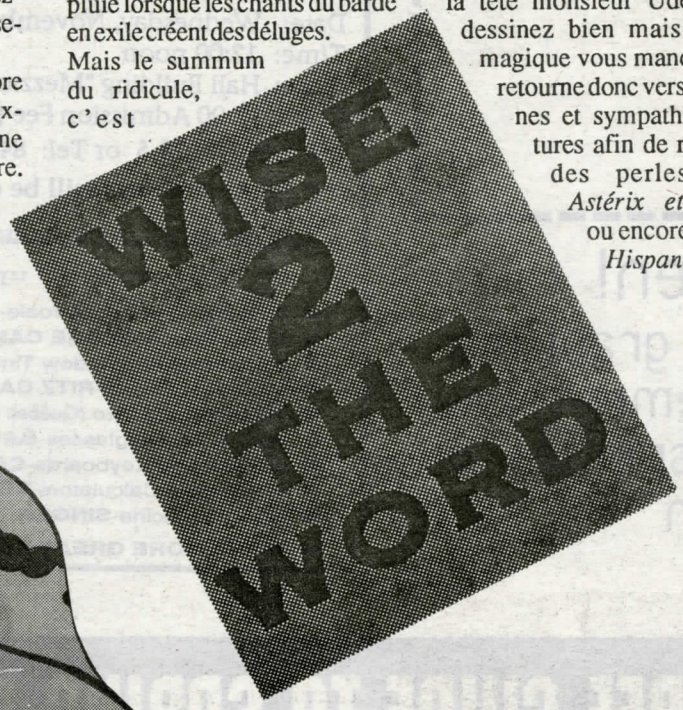
Et, vous devriez voir comment Uderzo ces soldates romaines, des "Barbies" qui s'enfuient sous la pluie lorsque les chants du barde en exile créent des déluges.

Mais le summum du ridicule, c'est lorsque les romaines attaquent le village gaulois. Comme contre-attaque, les gauloises ouvrent les portes pour laisser les assaillantes à un bazar commercial... les femmes délirent, elles oublient le combat et se mettent à faire du lèche-vitrine.

Féministe? La libération de la femme via la lingerie fine, les bigoudis et les cosmétiques; pas très engagée la rose.

De toutes façons, cette dernière aventure gauloise n'a pas de *punch*. L'histoire est décousue et les *gags* n'ont pas la subtilité des vieux albums. Bref, en comparaison, *La Rose et le Glaive* est un mauvais Astérix, d'ailleurs toute la série solo d'Uderzo qui nous avait aussi offert le très mauvais *fils d'Astérix* est d'un cran nettement inférieur à la serie Uderzo/Goscinny.

Rendons à César ce qui reviens à César. Le ciel vous est tombé sur la tête monsieur Uderzo, vous dessinez bien mais la potion magique vous manque. Je me retourne donc vers les anciennes et sympathique aventures afin de redécouvrir des perles comme *Astérix et Cléopâtre* ou encore *Astérix en Hispanie*.



Howling, howling passion blind
barking curses at the moon
biting hard her ebony cloak
when
caught
jaw open
a canine tooth snags on the loose looped weave
cuts its staccato.
Wind now misshapen chokes
moans from ancient depths
baying comes half discharged by pain
outside the ken of will.
Yet,
the coarse young body holds
to tip toe tension pulled
unable to spring free:
head back
arms flayling
raging only in sound
peaking the fine small muscles in the small of the back
till
the tooth slips
the moment ends
and the careful valleys echo
a primordial love song.

*-Jose Pereira*

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**Angels**
**Fell down**
**From a harking sky.**
**As I stabbed the meat**
**In ravenous frenzy**
**They fell.**
**One by one**
**By one.**
**Their wings had eyes**
**Soft water eyes**
**Monet eyes.**
**They landed.**
**One by one**
**By one.**
**On my feast.**
**I sat**
**In discomposure.**
**Contemplating.**
**Angels.**
**Fallen from a harking sky**
**On a**
**Flying vessel.**
**A rose colored**
**Vessel.**
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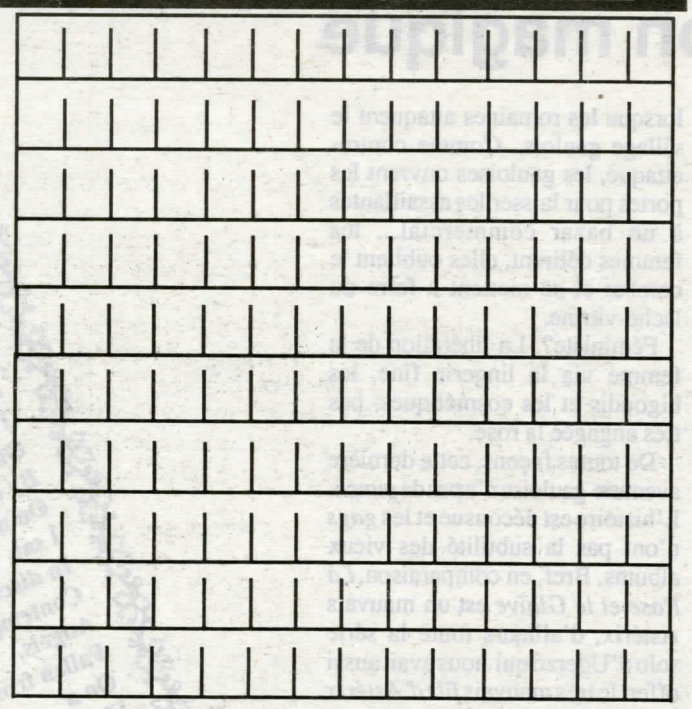

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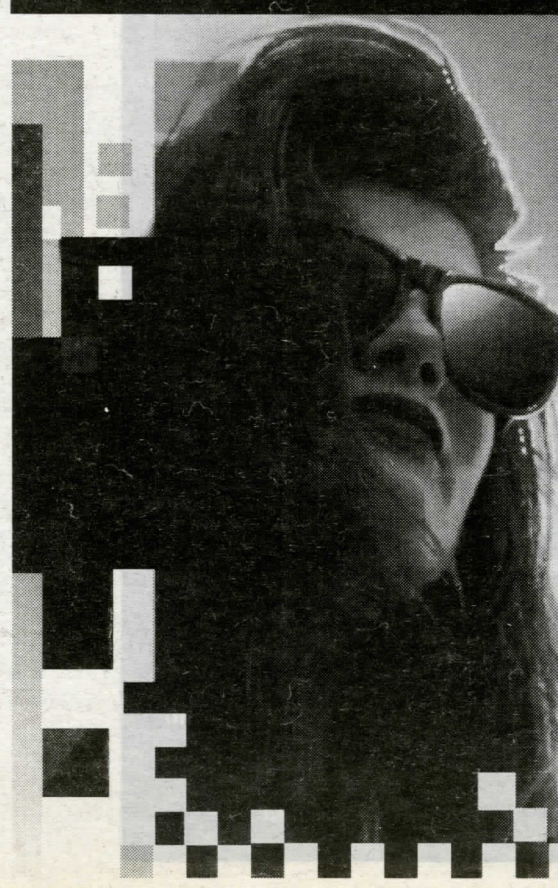

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# Acts of delusion

by Jeff Harrington
(CUP)-Hull, Ottawa

Across the Ottawa river from Parliament Hill, the Canadian Museum of Civilization sprawls like an alien layer cake. This year, visitors to its cavernous Grand Hall were treated to a different sort of exhibit.

With a gigantic Haida totem pole towering behind him, Joe Clark looked for all the world like an angry chipmunk in a dark, silken suit.

An important chipmunk, mind you. The TV cameras whirred and the boom mikes hung on Clark's every word as he made the most of his appearance before the roving parallel hearings on the constitution organized by the Assembly of First Nations.

His hands shaking, the flush-faced Constitutional Affairs Minister attacked the AFN for its full-page ad in *The Globe and Mail* which called the government's proposals for aboriginal self-government a hoax.

No need to parrot his words here.

"My approach (to self-government) is simple," he told the seven aboriginal panel members at one point. "Your unique place in Canada's history must be recognized. But it does not separate you from other Canadians."

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Canada's 592,000 status Indians might disagree. Like the Inuit, the Métis (aboriginal people of mixed ancestry) and "non-status Indians," they are separated from "other Canadians" socially, politically, culturally and economically.

They are also separated because of their "race." The government considers them "Indian," no matter which First Nation they belong to.

And, the Indian Act hasn't changed much since 1876, when a number of earlier statutes were cobbled together to solve "the Indian problem."

"The objective was to assimilate aboriginal people and it's still reflected in the modern Act. It hasn't changed substantially, really," says Rolland Pangowish, an Odawa who advises the AFN on land rights.

The Act still gives the Indian Affairs Department power over civil, criminal and domestic law, business regulations and the administration of justice on the reserves.

Although the government has granted powers in recent years over social services and education, for example, these changes are not constitutionally-protected.

Pangowish says the Act has undermined every pillar of First Nations society, partially by fostering a cycle of dependency.

"Nobody can solve our problems for us, that's proven. And we can't do it ourselves without recognition of our governmental authority," he says.

But while there is widespread agreement the Indian Acts caused the well-documented disintegration of First Nations communities, constitutional experts say the legislation can't be easily scrapped.

"Nobody wants the Act," says Mary Ellen Turpel, a Cree who teaches law at Dalhousie University in Halifax. "But nobody is willing to remove it without a commitment to self-government."

Self-government, self-determination, sovereignty. From the government's point of view, this string of 's'-words is the new "Indian problem." Self-government is now the main aboriginal issue, but to address it fairly, Canadians must face up to a past of racism and colonialism.

For Turpel, that past is present. In the 1950s, her father was a member of the Norway House band in northern Manitoba. He sold his status so he could buy a pick-up truck and start a business.

Under the patriarchal provisions of the Indian Act, his family automatically lost their status. Turpel recently had to reluctantly ask the government to reinstate her.

"The idea that you can have one definition — namely an Indian — for all these different cultural and historical groups is offensive," Turpel says.

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The Act was an assimilationist toolchest, with the reserve as workshop, the department of Indian Affairs as mechanic. And the residential schools, which Protestant and Catholic missionaries started founding in the 1850s, were crucial to the department's strategy of "preparing the Indian for a higher civilization."

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Young children were taken from their families, to return eight or 10 years later or not at all. School officials didn't allow them to speak their own language or practise their traditional religion. They were taught to regard "Indians" as pagans and to revere anything European.

While sexual and physical abuse at the schools has been getting some publicity recently, the emotional abuse was more pervasive.

"Residential schools taught self-hate. That is child abuse. Too many of our people got the message and passed it on," Grand Chief Dave Courchene told the Manitoba inquiry into the justice system.

Today, only the Cree, Ojibway and Iniktitut languages are considered likely to survive. The other 50 aboriginal languages spoken in Canada are in danger of dying out.

The schools reinforced the European doctrine that women were mere appendages of their husbands, and tore at the heart of aboriginal communities, where women traditionally play a prominent role.

In Iroquois society, for example, descent was traced through the maternal line, and senior matrons elected and deposed council elders. An Iroquois woman divorced her husband by throwing his possessions out of the house. The children stayed with her.

The Indian Act changed everything by creating the chief and council system of local government, elected by male band members. An official from Indian Affairs known as the Indian Agent — or "white chief" — called and supervised the elections, participated in and presided over meetings and generally directed the political affairs of the band.

The Act also introduced overt sex discrimination. A woman who married a non-aboriginal man ceased to be "Indian," as did her children. She had to leave the reserve and couldn't return, whether ill, widowed, divorced or separated. She was no longer eligible for education or medical benefits guaranteed to band members.

"The impact is pretty severe, not just on the women, but on the next generation, their kids," says Turpel, who is working with the AFN on constitutional reform.

"Even if these women died, they couldn't be buried on the reserve with members of their families."

The Indian Agents had tremendous power over band members. They outlawed spiritual practices such as the Potlatch (West Coast) and the Sun Dance (Prairies) and ancient political institutions such as the Iroquois Longhouses. Reserve residents could only sell produce or livestock to the Agent. The Agents also enforced federal laws, which prevented residents from leaving the reserve without permission.

GRAPHIC BY DAVID HUNTER

Indian Affairs official Duncan Campbell Scott summed up the government strategy nicely in 1920.

"Our object is to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic, and there is no Indian question, and no Indian department..."

But the rules and regulations of the Act often hindered rather than helped the assimilation process. The most basic business transactions required departmental approval. Reserve residents couldn't buy or sell their land (they still can't), take out a mortgage, or be held liable for off-reserve debts.

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When they did leave the reserve, usually to find work, white society was unwilling to accept them. Paradoxically, racism helped preserve what remained of First Nations culture.

After WWII, social pluralism was much more accepted, and the Act was revised in 1951 to reflect the original idea that civilization would not be forced on the First Nations. The Indian Affairs minister assumed a supervisory role, but kept (and still has) veto power over any bylaws passed by the band.

In Canada, the federal government galvanized the First Nations with its 1969 White Paper, which supported the repeal of the Indian Act.

A child of Pierre Trudeau's fetish for individual equality rather than collective ethnic survival, the White Paper recommended ending the federal responsibility for the First Nations enshrined in the 1867 British North America Act. It was clearly assimilationist: "Indians" would receive the same services as other Canadians, with the Department's responsibilities transferred to the provinces, the bands themselves and other federal departments.

"I don't think we should encourage Indians to feel these treaties should last forever with Canada," said Trudeau. "They should become Canadians as all other Canadians."

First Nations leaders were outraged, seeing the White Paper as a government attempt to shed its constitutional responsibilities. The White Paper was withdrawn by the federal government in 1971.

The leaders said they distrusted the government so much they could only agree to change the Act all at once. The government, on the other hand, merely wanted to be seen as supportive of aboriginal leaders to gain publicity points.

The Liberal status of women minister, Marc Lalonde, somehow explained the government position with a straight face.

"Discrimination against women (in the Act) is a scandal, but imposing the cultural standards of white society on native society would be another scandal," he said.

The Act was exempted from the provision of the 1978 Human Rights Act to prevent women from filing appeals, and was finally amended in 1985. Within two years of Bill C-31, which largely removed the sex discrimination and allowed reinstatement, Indian Affairs received 44,000 applications regarding the reinstatement of 90,000 people.

"There's still residual (sex) discrimination in the Act, but it will always be there," says Turpel. "The basic problem is that the legislation is wholesale discrimination."

Which brings us to the present. The government is consulting with a group of "pragmatic chiefs" — not sanctioned by the AFN — on ways to improve the Act.

Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon, who hopes to have a new Indian Act by the end of the year, says he has an understanding of the First Nations that his predecessors did not. But Brad Morse says the minister's recent comments about dozens of little Luxembourgs in Canada shows he is not giving aboriginal demands a fair hearing.

"He said he is not here to assist with the breakup of Canada," says Morse. "There is little foundation for that. It's just b.s. and if anyone should know that, clearly the Minister of Indian Affairs should know that."

Morse isn't the only one who feels Siddon should go back to school. Patricia Monture, a Mohawk colleague of Turpel's at Dalhousie Law School, says any Indian Act is illegal and unconstitutional, and a violation of the treaties.

"We're not going to get out of this until Canadians start seeing they have two responsibilities. They have to understand their way of doing things and they have to understand the original peoples' way of doing things," she says.

"They've got a horrible history that's full of lies to correct — the whole notion of two founding nations starting in 1867."

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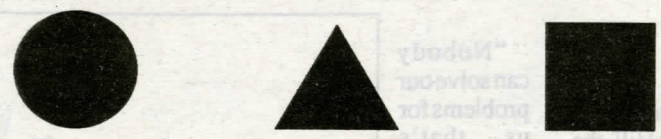


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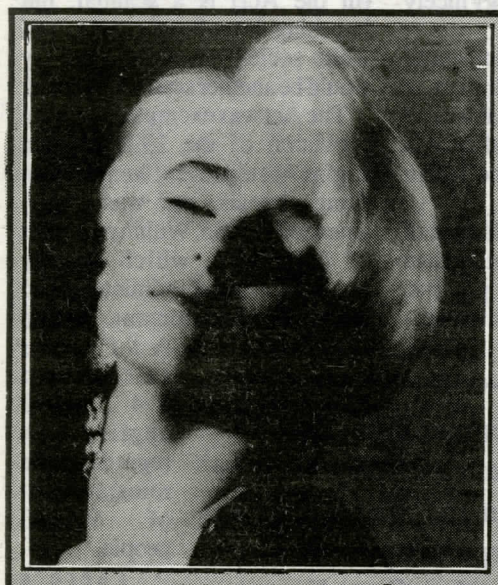

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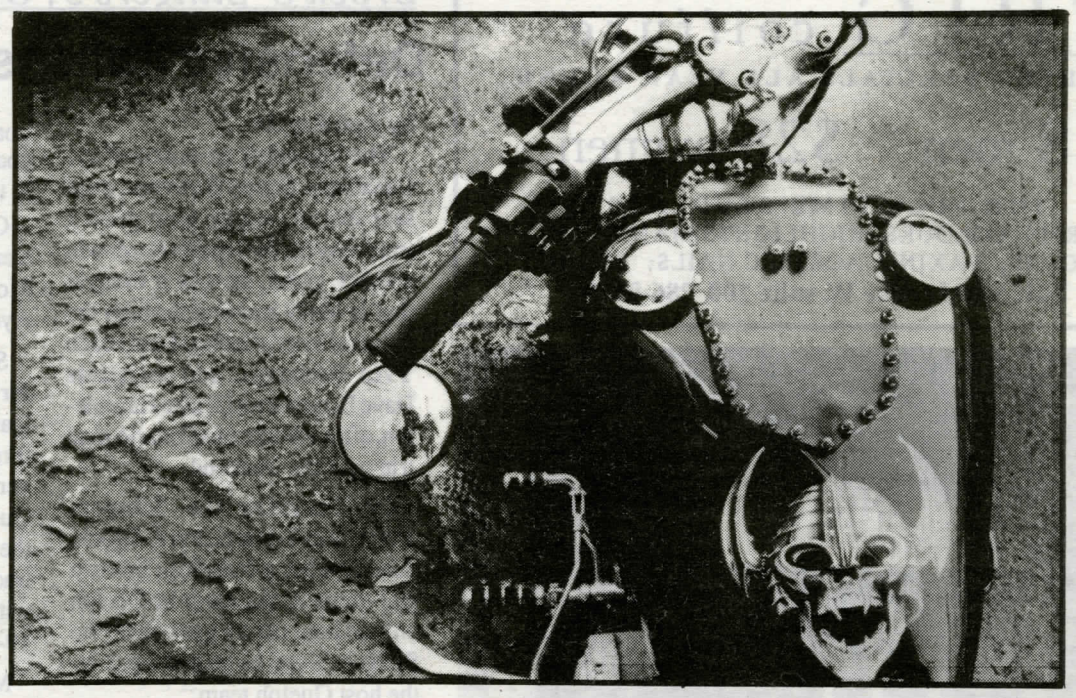

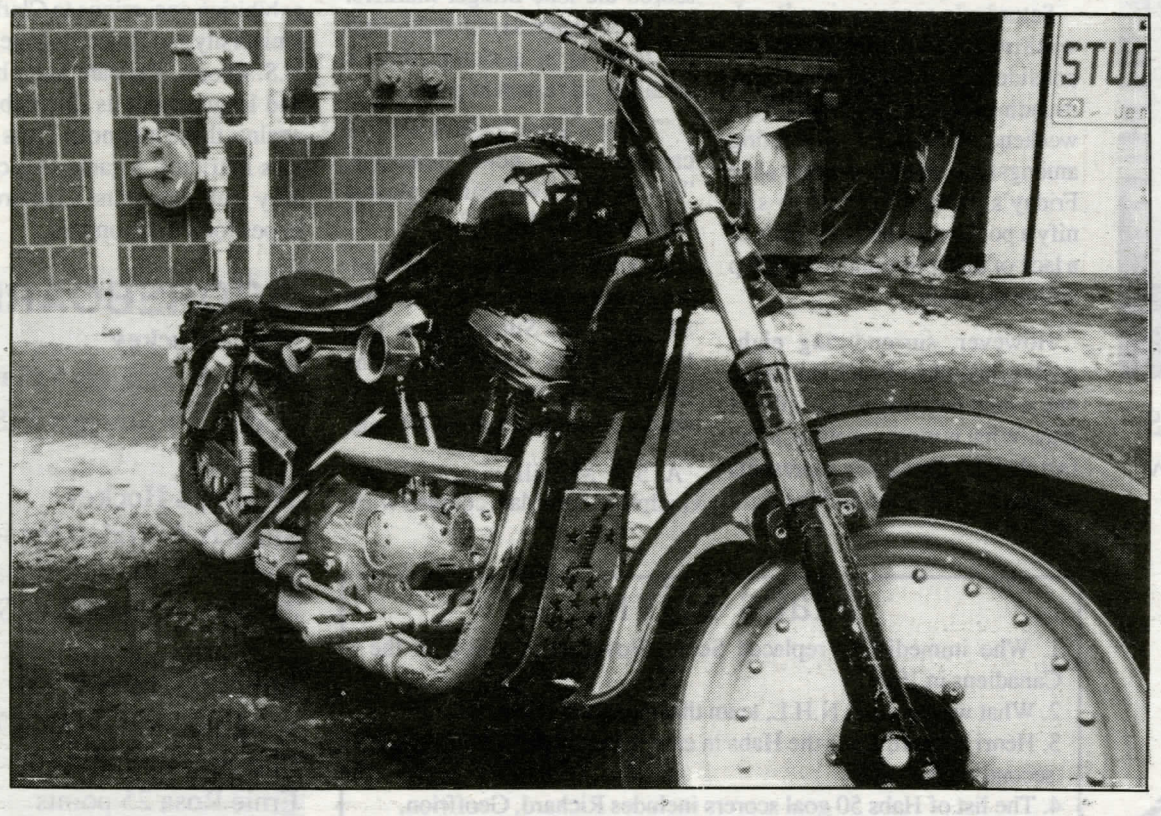


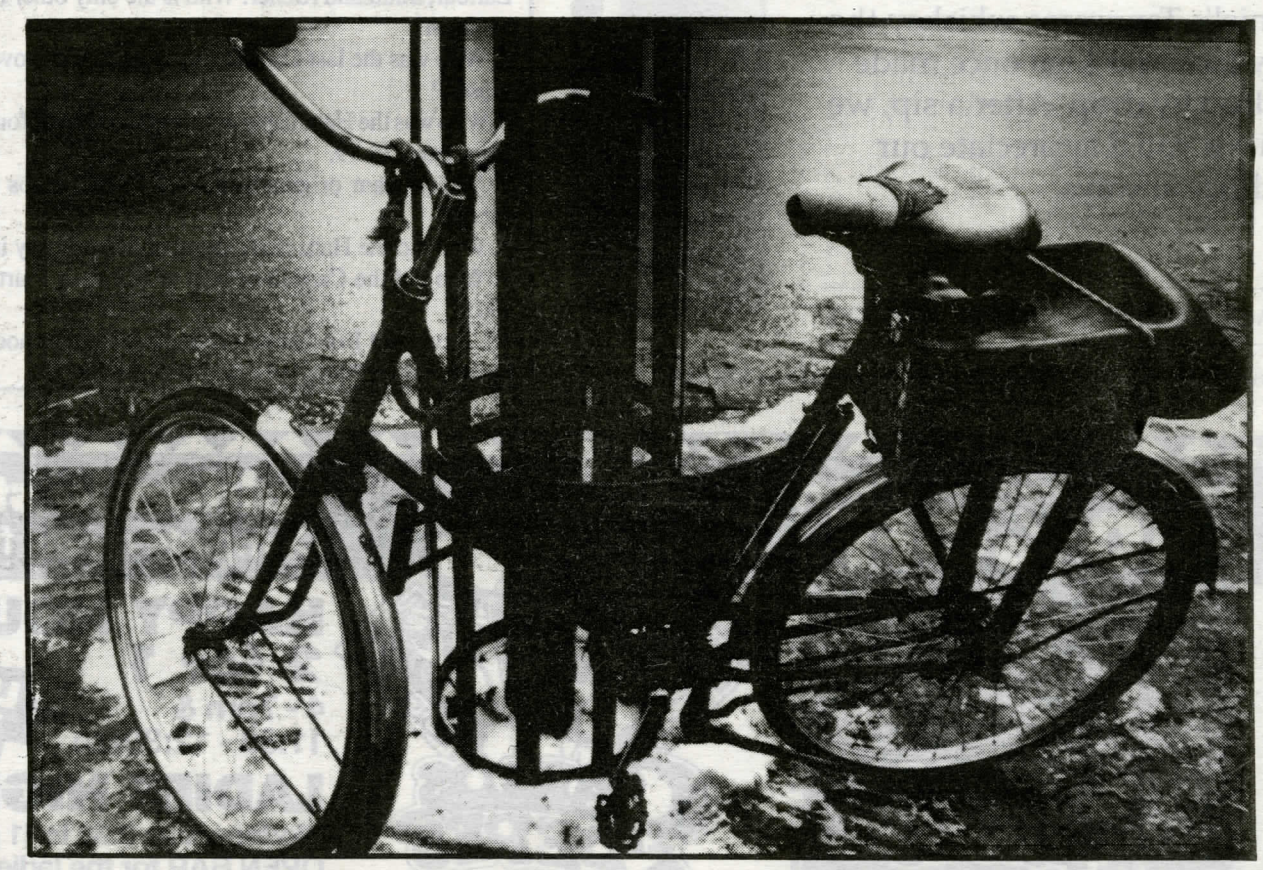

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# Defensive collapse continues Stinger slump

**by Ron Rogers**

The legendary ex-coach of the Canadiens, Scotty Bowman, once said that no matter how good a team may be, they might never win another game. This is a thought that is likely running through the minds of men's hockey head coach Yves Beaucage, and assistants Dave Boucher and Blake Hambleton, after a disastrous Ontario road trip over the weekend.

On Saturday the Stingers dropped an 8-5 decision to Brock. Sunday, after a disastrous bus trip that dropped the team in Guelph only an hour before gametime, the Stingers were swamped 10-2 by the host Guelph team.

Saturday's game against Brock was a tremendous dissapointment, considering the optimism surrounding the team heading into the weekend. A closed door meeting amongst the veteran players after Friday's practice seemed to signify a positive response to calls of a lack of discipline and leadership within the team.

However, surrendering eight goals to last-place Brock isn't what one would describe as disciplined play. What is most upsetting is the fact that the Brock win represents their first on the year, and the eight goals is a far cry from the three goals they had average on offense in their first six games.

Goal scorers for the Stingers were Mike Pohorly with two, Marc Morin with two, and Richard Ayotte with the single.

Sunday started out disastrously for the Stingers. Problems with the team bus, as well as a parade through downtown Guelph, prevented the team from arriving in Guelph until only an hour before the game. The thoroughly distracted Stingers never got on track, with the result being a disastrous 10-2 loss to Guelph.

Marc Morin and Steve Salhany scored the lone Stinger markers. Coach Beaucage says that although the team is in a slump, there's certainly no reason to panic.

"There's some factors we just can't control,", noted Beaucage. "If I've got five healthy players right now, I'm lucky,".

From a team hoping to challenge Trois Rivieres for the division title, the Stingers now find themselves in the middle of the pack, struggling to maintain a decent position come playoff time.

A 5-0 McGill victory over Guelph on Saturday, coupled with a 9-7 Ottawa victory over Laurentian on Sunday, leaves the Stingers tied for fourth with Toronto, eight points back of division leading Trois Rivieres.

Yes, Trois Rivieres has played two more games, but if the Stingers hope to catch them, they're running out of time. But Beaucage is optimistic things will turn around.

"The players are mentally tired right now, with finals coming up and papers to write. I'm very dissapointed we lost, but we have to find the reasons why and go back to our winning style,".

The Stingers next two games are exhibition excursions to Clarkson University and Union College, two U.S. schools. The team's next home and league game is December 3, against those infamous Trois Rivieres Patriotes, a game that could very well determine Concordia's hopes for a division title.

## Habs Trivia

1. Who immediately replaced Scotty Bowman as coach of the Canadiens in 1979?
2. What was the first N.H.L. team that Bowman coached for?
3. Henri Richard leads the Habs in career games played. Who is second on the list?
4. The list of Habs 50 goal scorers includes Richard, Geoffrion, Lafleur, Shutt and Richer. Who is the only other Hab to score 50 in a season?
5. Who was the last Canadiens player to score over 100 points in a season?
6. Who was the Habs captain during their run of four straight Stanley Cups from 76-79.
7. Which team originally drafted former Habs centreman Doug Jarvis?
8. Who did the Habs draft ahead of Mike Bossy in the 1977 draft?
9. Who did the Canadiens beat to win their fourth straight Cup in 1979?
10. Jarvis and Bob Gainey both played junior hockey with the Peterborough Petes. Who was their coach?

## SCOREBOARD

**Men's Hockey**
Brock 8 Stingers 5 (Sat)
Guelph 10 Stingers 2 (Sun)

**Women's Hockey**
Stingers 4 York 0 (Fri)
Stingers 3 Guelph 1 (Sat)
Toronto 4 Stingers 0 (Sun)

**Men's Basketball**
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# Men's basketball Stingers win league opener over Toronto

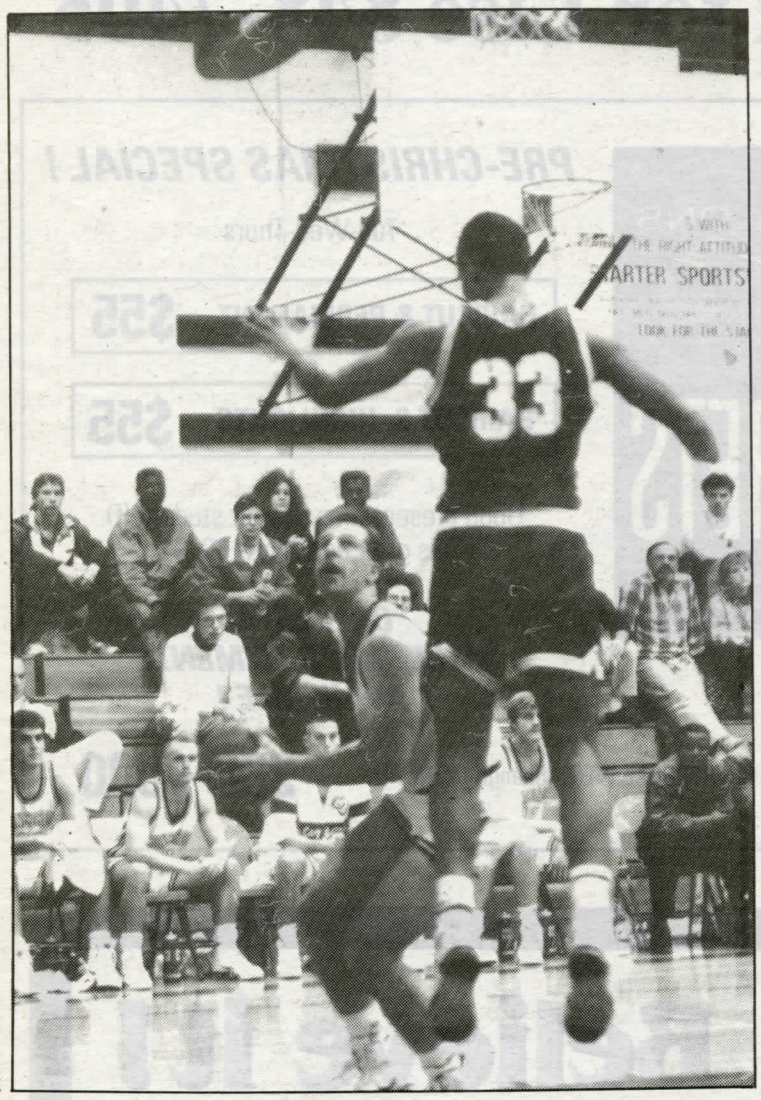


PHOTO BY EDMUND WONG

**Concordia men's basketball team gained a tougher than expected 83-77 victory over Toronto Saturday night at Loyola.**

**by Danny Clarke**

Offensive explosiveness was lacking for the Stingers men's basketball team during last Saturday's 83-77 Ontario Universities Athletic Association (OUAA) season-opening win over the visiting Toronto Varsity Blues.

Both teams bumbled through forty minutes of mediocre basketball. Concordia's offensive flint, Dexter John, was noticably absent and has a bit more nursing before he can test the ligaments he sprained in his right knee last week playing the Army. While he sat on the bench all civvied up, the other proponents of the OUAA East's most potent offense, namely Dino Perin, Robert Ferguson and Ernie Rosa, had the hardest time incorporating themselves into the action.

"We didn't shoot the ball well from outside tonight," said Stinger head coach John Dore, indirectly referring to shooting guard Dexter John's absence. "We also made a lot of mental errors."

Finally, it was Rosa's gusto that forced the Stingers back to their Dex-less plan. After Ferguson dropped two at the line with 0:17 showing on the board to stiff-arm the Blues to a 3-pt deficit, Toronto's Scott Bleue missed a forced bomb and the Stingers turned it back up court at which point Rosa was fouled. He sunk both and all but gassed up Toronto's bus ride home.

It was Rosa's play, coupled with Perin's inside work on All- Canadian Rob Wilson that salvaged this near hulking wreck of a game.

Fortunately for Concordia, the only volatile factor on the Toronto side was Blues coach Ken Olynyck who called a time-out with two seconds left to shout down what he saw as shoddy officiating.

"You choked on that call," screamed Olynyck as he paced irritantly towards center court. "All three of you!"

The outburst earned the Toronto coach his second technical of the game and immediate expulsion.

Wilson, who slipped after Toronto's first points of the game, grimaced on the floor for the next couple.of minutes, but was good for 15 first-half points and did a nice job tying up Perin. In the second half however, he was a non-factor with only four points on three chances inside. This was due to a combination of reasons, the foremost being Perin.

As the Stingers enjoyed a six-point lead with a little less than five minutes left in the first half, Toronto's Bleue caught fire, tying the game despite Raphael Tyrrell's whirling projectile move on defence. A minute later he upped the ante with a three-pointer that made it 36-31 Blues. He hit again at the buzzer to give Toronto a six-point lead to look after heading into the second half.

Midway through the second, Roland Semprie stretched Toronto's lead to eight before Eric Corej came off the bench contributing a three-point play. Moments later Stinger co-captain Rosa spun inside on Wilson, Ferguson waltzed down the baseline to score and the see-saw effect settled in until Olynyck shouted something from the Varsity Blues' bench that caught the referee's attention.

Olynyck was administered the first of his two technicals and Rosa sunk one of two at the line to tie it at 66. Ferguson's three-pointer accounted for the final score-swing. Rosa led the Stingers with 26 points, while Perin and Ferguson each chipped in 17. The Stingers next game will be this Saturday against Laurentian at Loyola.

*Stingers 4 York 0, Stingers 3 Guelph 1, Toronto 4 Stingers 0*

# Women hockey Stingers take two out of three in Ontario

**by Gary Lebovics**

The Concordia Stingers women's hockey team got a taste of the good and bad life this weekend in Toronto.

The Stingers beat York 4-0 on Friday, they were victorious on Saturday against Guelph by a score of 3-1 and they lost to the University of Toronto 4-0 on Sunday.

Concordia's "A" team is now 3-3 on the season and is slowly getting up to a form which coach Les Lawton is starting to be happy with. He said last year that he'd be content with a .600 winning percentage. When asked if he thinks it's a possibility he replied with a short "we'll get there".

The Stinger's 4-0 victory over York was an amalgam of a team "getting there". They started off slowly but as the game progressed they gradually took over.

Goals by Laura Leslie, Andrea Lynch, Val Gaston and Debbie Woods-Turner made the fourty minute drive from downtown Toronto to York (in traffic) worthwhile.

The game on Saturday against Guelph was almost a carbon copy of the one the night before. The Stinger's fell behind 1-0 in the first period but once again they began to gel as the game progressed. If not for a hot Guelph goalie, the Stingers might have run up the score a little higher than the 3-1 final.

Sunday's loss to Toronto brought the team's three game winning streak to an end. One reason for the Stinger's 4-0 defeat at the hands of U.of T. was attributed to the hectic three day/three game schedule, accompanied by plenty of travelling.The main reason, though, that they lost was a combination of a very strong Toronto club and an outgrowth of poor officiating.

The score was 1-0 for Toronto going into the third then the fun began. "We looked good until that point then a major penalty call took the air out of us," said Lawton. "It's not like the N.H.L., we play 15 minute periods so a 5:00 major takes up a third of the period,".

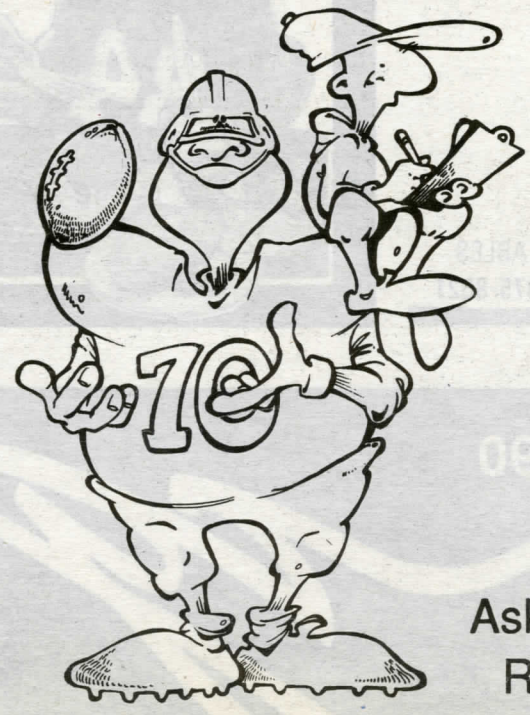
Some enlightening news for the Stingers came on the weekend as Stephanie Ouellette and goalie M.C. Roy were invited to try out for the Canadian National team playing in the 1992 World Championships. Star Laura Leslie was not asked to the team much to the surprise of most hockey afficianados.

They won't be missing them for any games because nothing was scheduled for the time that the two players will be missing. Canada won the first World Women's Championships in 1990 going undefeated and there biggest threats this year will most probably be the U.S. and Finland.

Women's hockey leans over to their "B" team this week with games on Thursday and Saturday. The Stingers are in a multiteam tie for second place in their division with a record of 2-2. St.Laurent leads the division with a 6-0 record.

The mediocre start this season hasn't scared Les Lawton.

"We're a team of many rookies and they have to gel," said Lawton. "I still think we'll win the league by being a second half team,"



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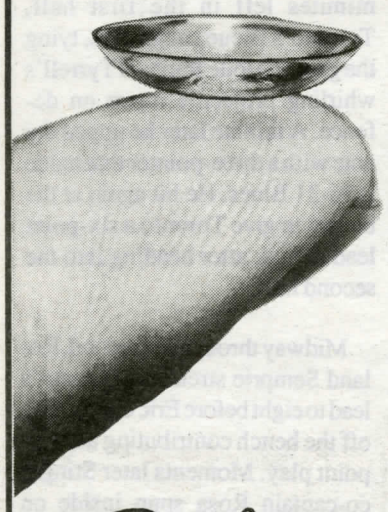

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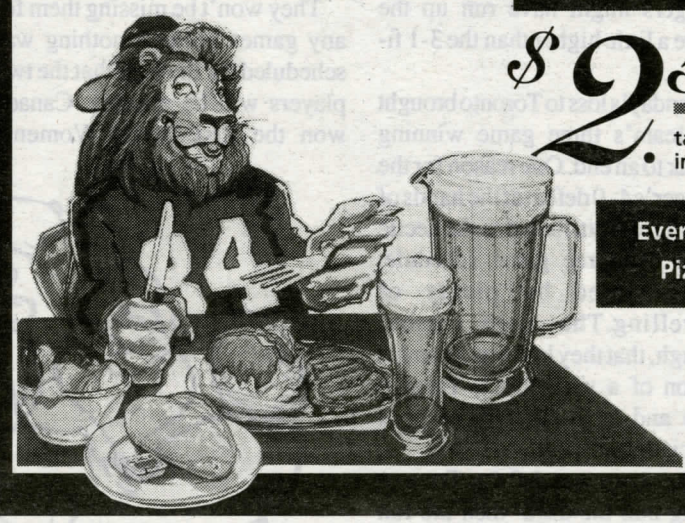

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